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REMARKS

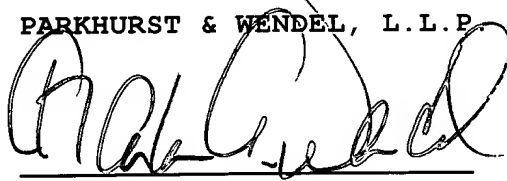
The indication that claims 4 and 11 to 22 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Those claims have each been rewritten in independent form and claims 2, 5, 6, and 8 to 10 have been canceled rendering moot the rejection of the latter claim set under 35 USC 102 as allegedly anticipated by Yamaoka et al. '644.

In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the case is in immediate condition for allowance and a USPTO paper to those ends is earnestly solicited.

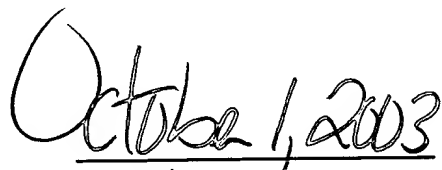
The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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